have been suspended. M/s Modiluft have been issued a warning. Other measures such as monitoring of flight recorders, issuance of Civil Aviation Requirements, safety audit of operators, conducting safety seminars/ meetings, inspection of aerodromes, etc. are continuously taken to enhance air safety.

Rupee-Rouble Agreement between Russia and India

2251. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a pact between Russia and India in January, 1993 regarding Rupee-Rouble agreement Government have to bear a loss of crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for such losses;

(c) whether there was any plan in the above mentioned agreement which escaped notice at the time of agreement; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to avoid any further loss due to such agreements?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Profit Earned from foreign Tourists in Kutch-Saurashtra Region

2252. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the net profit earned by Government agencies during the last three years and contribution of the Government of India and Gujarat on arrivals of foreign tourists in Kutch-Saurashtra region;

(b) whether performance of tourist activities is satisfactory; and

(c) the budgetary allocation in the current financial year's budget to the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA): (a) The India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) which is the only undertaking under the Department of Tourism earned profits during the last three years as per the details given below:—

Year	Profit after tax (Rs. crores)
1993-94	12.21
1994-95	28.37
1995-96	47.75

It is not possible to estimate the profit earned from foreign tourists in Kutch-Saurashtra region separately. The Department of Tourism provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 51.21 lakhs to the Government of Gujarat during the period of last three years for the improvement of infrastructural facilities in the State to attract foreign tourists.

(b) and (c) The development of tourist facilities and activities is a continuous process and is subject to availability of resources. In consultation with the State Government of Gujarat, 5 projects have been identified for providing central financial assistance of Rs. 53.08 lakhs during 1996-97.

Losses suffered by airports

2253. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many airports in the country are running in losses at present;

(b) the losses suffered by each during the last 3 years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make them economical?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) 81 airports during the year 1995-96 have reported losses.

(b) Details of airports which have incurred losses during the last 3 years is annexed.

(c) to low traffic potential the scope of augmenting revenue from traffic at these airports is limited. AAI is taking steps to increase non-traffic revenue at these airports through increased commercial activities and optimum utilisation of land. However, unless there is increase in airline traffic; these airports will continue to be economically. non-viable for quite some time.